

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD ADULTERATION IN DAIRY PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have amended the provisions under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 relating to standards for some dairy products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure that consumers received clean and wholesome food?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Rule 20 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, was amended in 1995 to stipulate that in case of samples of 'ice-cream' and 'mixed ice-cream', a liquid commonly known as formalin, that is to say a liquid containing about 40 percent of formaldehyde in aqueous solution in the proportion of 0.6 ml. For 100ml. or 100 gms., shall be used for preserving samples for the purpose of analysis under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

(c) To ensure that consumers receive clean and wholesome food, samples of food articles are drawn by the States/U.Ts., who have the responsibility for implementation of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 in the country, and prosecution is initiated when violations of standards or guidelines are noted.